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NOTE

Attached working paper gives a preliminary appraisal of the 1948-49 breadgrain situation in the Soviet Union, Europe, Middle East, and Manchuria indicating the comparative supply position of the area under Soviet domination in comparison with Western Europe and the Middle East. The 1948-49 situation is also compared with that of 1947-48 and prewar years.

The data for 1948-49 are based on early estimates of the 1948 breadgrain harvest and will be subject to some revision as more recent information becomes available. It is planned to revise these estimates at a later date and expand the statement to include corn, barley and oats.

Though the 1948-49 estimates are preliminary, they are timely and have significance in assessing the strategic food position in the above areas.

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